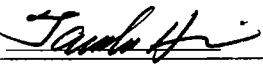


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2008, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

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